GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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STOCK OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the current stock of foodgrains in the country;

(b) whether the said stock is sufficient to cater to the need of the country during the current year; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to provide sufficient foodgrains to the Below Poverty Line families through the fair price shops?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The stock of foodgrains (Wheat and Rice) as on 1.3.2005 is 194.08 lakh tonnes.

(b): Yes Sir,

(c): Foodgrains to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families including AAY under Targetted Public Distribution System are allotted @ 35 Kg. per familiy per month on the basis of number of families identified and ration cards issued by each States/UT subject to the population projections of the Registrar General of India as on 1.3.2000 and the State-wise poverty estimates of the Planning Commission for 1993-94, whichever is less. On this basis, the allocation of foodgrains is made by the Central Government. Under Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS), it is the responsibility of the State Governments to lift the foodgrains and distribute the same to BPL families through Fair Price Shops.